

password that enables them to register for any of global procurement applications available under the supplier portal;

a GR data store storing guest information when a guest obtains a Web userid/password;

a portal common registration (PCR) where information is stored in a PCR data store throughout an application's approval cycle;

means for determining whether any applications have been authorized for a registered guest and, if not, prompting the guest to register for restricted applications in the PCR;

means for accessing information from the GR data store to automatically build a customized home page for the

guest, this home page being modified and updated as the guest's requests for access to applications get approved;

means for determining whether approval is needed for a requested application and, if so, sending a request for approval to the application administrator and receiving a response from the application administrator; and

means for storing links to all applications for which the guest is approved, these links being reflected in the personalized supplier portal home page which displays a list of links to all of the applications for which the guest has been registered and authorized.

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